

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,  
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2008  
MEADOWEDGE, WEST SAYVILLE**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Miles Borden	Trustee, Town of Smithtown
Gil Cardillo	Vice Chairman, Trustee, Town of Riverhead
Ray Corwin	Member at Large
Gregory Dawson	Trustee, Town of Islip
John Fritz	Chairman, Trustee, Town of Babylon
Scott Hilary	Trustee, Town of Southold
Alexander McKay	Trustee, Town of Huntington
Gary Olsen	Trustee, Town of Brookhaven
Todd Stebbins	Member of the Board
Richard F. White, Jr.	Trustee, Town of East Hampton

**ABSENT**

Terrence Pearsall	Member of the Board
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**PARKS DEPARTMENT**

John W. Pavacic	Commissioner
William B. Sickles	Sr. Superintendent of Parks
Tom Hroncich	Director, Parks Foundation
Terry Maccarone	Coordinator of Community Based Programs
Ann Rothenberg	Assistant to the Commissioner

**GUESTS**

Thomas Isles	Director, Planning Department
Lauretta Fischer	Principal Environmental Analyst, Planning Department
Janet Longo	Deputy Director, Real Property Acquisitions and Management
Roger Podd	County Attorney's Office
Thomas Ryan	Office of Legislator Vilorio-Fisher
Bill Shilling	Office of Presiding Officer William J. Lindsay

Chairman Fritz called the meeting to order.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

There were no members of the public present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2008**

**A motion to accept the minutes was made by Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Stebbins. The minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 9-0-0.**

## **PRESENTATION BY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND REAL ESTATE**

Lauretta Fischer proposed four acquisitions. Colored site maps were distributed describing the properties.

### **Carlls River Watershed Addition – Napoli Construction Property**

The acquisition of .33 acres in Deer Park, Town of Babylon. This will be acquired under the Old Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program.

**A motion to approve this acquisition was made by Chairman Fritz and seconded by Trustee Borden. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of \*9-0-0.**

### **Miller Place/Yaphank Road Nature Preserve Addition – Byrne Property**

The acquisition of .134 acres in Miller Place, Town of Brookhaven. This will be acquired under the Suffolk County Open Space Preservation Program.

**A motion to approve this acquisition was made by Trustee Olsen and seconded by Trustee McKay. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of \*9-0-0.**

### **Miller Place/Yaphank Road Nature Preserve Addition – Brems Estate Property**

The acquisition of .092 acres in Miller Place, Town of Brookhaven. This will be acquired under the Suffolk County Open Space Preservation Program.

**A motion to approve this acquisition was made by Trustee Olsen and seconded by Trustee Cardillo. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of \*9-0-0.**

### **Corey Creek Addition – The Nature Conservancy, Inc. Property as Contract Vendee**

The acquisition of 45.0 acres in the Hamlet of Southold, Town of Southold. This will be a 50/50 partnership with the Town of Southold and will be acquired under the Suffolk County Environmental Legacy Fund for Open Space Preservation.

**A motion to approve this acquisition was made by Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Stebbins. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of \*9-0-0.**

*\*Trustee Hilary arrived after this presentation and was not included in the count*

## **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Pavacic reported on the following:

### **Custodial Agreement with Zebra Golf**

The one year custodial agreement with Zebra Golf to upgrade the Bergen Point Golf Course has been fully executed. Parks is preparing RFP's for the long term management of that facility.

### **Earth Day**

The Earth Day celebration is scheduled for Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM at Indian Island.

### **GATR Site**

There is a resolution scheduled to be heard by the Parks Committee of the Legislature next week to authorize the County to enter into an agreement with the Montauk Fire District. The County Attorney's office has the agreement now, but is waiting for that resolution to be issued prior to signing off on the

agreement. The Parks Committee meeting is at 1:00 PM on February 27<sup>th</sup>. It's likely this can come before the full Legislature at their next meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup> or the next meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Once that resolution is passed by the Legislature, the County Attorney's office will sign off on the agreement. It will then go over to the County Executive's office for signature and will be fully executed.

### Third House

Our Park Supervisor, Ron Glogg, has completed the final work and we are waiting for the fire marshal to do the inspection so we can be issued the certificate of occupancy.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

### Behind the Dunes Campground

Chairman Fritz reported that Trustee White spoke with Carol Morrison about her opposition to this project. Bill Sickles reported that Ed Porco came to see Ron Glogg to express his concerns, which surprised us because it was our understanding from prior conversations with Carol Morrison that they were fully on board. Trustee White said there were two issues of concern. One was the crossover of the dunes and the other was how to negotiate getting from the park trailer to the beach without getting run over by legitimate off-road vehicles. If those two issues are addressed, there shouldn't be a problem. Carol Morrison said Bill Akin also expressed his opposition to this project. Bill Sickles said we've addressed the access to the outer beach at Smith Point at the campground and he anticipates a similar situation in Montauk. He reported that Parks fenced in a pedestrian access through the cut so there would be no chance of someone stepping out in front of a vehicle. There were also signs placed directing pedestrians to the beach within the fenced walkway. Commissioner Pavacic suggested a meeting between Parks and all interested parties. Trustee White suggested Bill Sickles, Nick Gibbons and Ron Glogg also participate in this meeting. Trustee White will contact Ann Rothenberg with suggested dates and a list of meeting participants. Commissioner Pavacic suggested we draft an agenda before the meeting to show our intentions.

### Access to Amsterdam Beach

Chairman Fritz reported the State (not the County) is the lead agency on this project.

### Eagle Scout Project

Trustee McKay reported the Eagle Scout project in Northport by Makamah Road has been completed and passed around photographs. The parking lot area was cleared, gravel was placed on surface and a fence was installed. It's quite an improvement from what it had been.

## **ROUND TABLE**

Trustee Olsen reported in the past Symbol Technologies held two park cleanups annually and Motorola, the follow-up company, wants to continue this program. They will probably want to do the Vietnam Memorial again. Bill Sickles asked Trustee Olsen to have the contact person at Motorola call Lori Hala at Parks to make arrangements for the cleanup.

Trustee Cardillo reported there hasn't been much activity on the new building at Indian Island. Bill Sickles responded he believes they are waiting for one of the sub-contractors to come in.

Trustee Cardillo asked about the status of the old dredging area at Indian Island County Park (previously handled by the Army Corps of Engineers). Bill Sickles responded there was a proposal to restore that area to make it more like it was pre-dredging. The Army Corps of Engineers sent some pre-survey people, but there haven't been any recent updates.

Trustee Cardillo asked about the status of the Grumman property. He reported he recently heard the short eared owl is there and was wondering if there any plans to acquire any of that property. Laretta Fischer replied the County does not have any plans to acquire this property. Commissioner Pavacic reported the Town owns the bulk of that property.

Trustee Corwin announced the Department of Planning and Real Estate is sponsoring a land valuation seminar next Thursday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the Media Room at the H. Lee Dennison Building in Hauppauge.

Chairman Fritz announced that the next Trustees meeting will be at Meadowedge in West Sayville on Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

**A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Corwin. Unanimously approved by a vote of 10-0-0.**

Minutes submitted by Ann Rothenberg.